

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Smith

Serial No.: 09/371,588

Filed: August 10, 1999

For: Compact Optical Tracking
System for Magnetic Tape

Group Art Unit: 2651

Examiner: Sniezek, Andrew L.

Attorney Docket No.: 99-038-TAP

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Supplement to Response to Office Action (filed 1.7.03):

In the response to Office Action filed 1.7.03, Applicant inadvertently made technically inaccurate statements by mixing up the terms diffraction and refraction. The reference, Sugawara, uses both refraction and diffraction. Refraction is described in Sugawara, for example, at col. 4, lines 24-29. Diffraction is described at col. 9, lines 7-28.

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